



Graduate School Commencement Ceremony

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2007

Program

Welcome

A most cordial welcome is extended to relatives, friends, faculty members, alumni, administrators, and staff members who gather here to celebrate the 2007 Commencement Exercises of the Bryant University Graduate School.

Academic Procession

The audience is requested to remain standing through the Invocation.

Marshals

Chief Marshal
Graduate Marshal
Faculty Marshal
Platform Marshal

Professor Lori Coakley
Professor Michael Roberto
Professor Lynda St. Clair
Professor Charles Cullinan

University Mace Bearer

Professor Dayle Nattress

The National Anthem

Soloist: Tracy Morkunas '04

Invocation

Rabbi Sol Goodman
Bryant University Jewish Chaplain

Presiding

Ronald K. Machtley
President of Bryant University

Convening of the 2007 Graduate School Commencement

Thomas A. Taylor '63, '98H
Chair of the Board of Trustees, Bryant University

International Flags

To welcome new alumni from other cultures, graduates from foreign countries are invited to exchange their native flags with the president.

Conferring of the Honorary Degrees

President Machtley

Citations

Dr. Keith Murray

Associate Dean, College of Business

Honorary Degree Recipients Trustee Presenters

The Honorable Ernest C. Torres

Thomas A. Tanury

Kathleen C. Hittner, M.D.

Michael E. Fisher

Hooding of Honorary Degree Recipients

Dr. V. K. Unni

Commencement Address

The Honorable Ernest C. Torres

Presentation of Candidates for Graduate Degrees

Dr. V. K. Unni

Conferral of Degrees

President Machtley

Introduction of Candidates: Kristopher T. Sullivan
Assistant Dean of the Graduate School

Alumni Greetings

Raymond Grigevich '91, '00MBA
President of the Bryant University Alumni Association

Benediction

Reverend Philip Devens
Bryant University Protestant Chaplain

Adjournment of the 2007 Graduate School Commencement Ceremony

Thomas A. Taylor '63, '98H

Recessional

Please remain in place until the platform party and faculty members leave the Commencement area.

Reception

The entire assembly is cordially invited to attend a reception immediately following the ceremony in the Heidi and Walter Stepan Grand Hall of the George E. Bello Center.

Degree Candidates

Master of Business

Administration

Anoumou Komlan Adomey *
Eric A. Ahnrud *
Youssef Alaoui Ismaili
Jamie Lynn Albanese
Robert G. Anderson, *honors*, B
Todd V. Anderson, *honors*
Lori Ann Andrade
Juan Carlos Angel
Robert Paul Angelini, *honors*, B *
Christopher D. Armstrong
Edmond Assili
Jean Eddy Bazile Jr. *
Gary L. Blackmer *
Thomas Patrick Blessing *
Michael Francis Brennan
Jonathan Brisson, *honors*
Whitney L. Bundy *
Ruben Antonio Burga, *honors*, B *
David J. Burnett
Nicole Cherí Bushey *
Michelle Elizabeth Caffrey *
Lauren F. Capizzo
Robert W. Carey
Eric William Carlson
Kyle L. Cehanowicz *
Kevin David Clancy Jr.
Robyn J. Cook *
Michael Edward Copolino
John DaLomba, *honors*
Philip A. DeConto

Raymond Joseph DeSantis Jr.
Kyle DeVoe, *honors*, B
Casey T. Factor *
Thomas Herbert Faria *
Jesse Ferreira
Erin Figlock *
Mountha Figueredo
Brenda L. Figueroa
Joseph William Flaherty III
Tara Forrest
Domenick C. Forte *
Christopher Bryan Frank
Theodore A. Garlacy Jr.*
Joshua R. Gaynor *
Armand C. Gendreau Jr., *honors*, B
Mark Robert Gershman, *honors*, B
Jessica Leigh Goneconte
Johan Grahm *
Jason Lawrence Graveline
Matthew B. Grizack
Steven M. Hasson
Joseph Ward Heath
Raymond E. Hebert
Henry Brian Heinemann *
Samuel M. Hernández *
Adam Joseph Iacobucci *
Alimamy D. Jabbie Jr. *
Dustin R. Jenkins
Philip Johnson, *honors* *
Samuel Kornreich, *honors*, B *
Michael McGregor Kwoka
Lory L. LaRose, *honors*
Jonathan P. Lapierre

Douglas Michael Laroche, *honors*
Jonathan T. Lavender
Michael P. Lavoie, *honors*, B
Khadija Loh
Karen Lokey
Sarah Long
Susan B. Loo
James A. Lucie *
Gregory J. Martin *
Anthony E. Matarese
Jonathan Paul Matrullo *
Debra Ann Jasinski McGee *
Brendan Scott McKiernan,
honors *
Andrew H. McLarty *
Lindsey Maureen Megrew, *honors*
Tonya Leigh Melillo *
Cora T. Miller, *honors*, B
Meagan Natalie Moran *
Sandra Moreno Hopkins, *honors*, B
Teri Rooney Morgan *
Molly Brose Mulligan *
Jeffrey R. Murray
Matthew J. Muzrall
Donna M. Normand *
Joshua O'Connell *
James E. O'Halloran, *honors*, B
William S. Oakland *
Michael Ajibola Kayode Olukoya
Tanya Marisa Pacheco
Nichole Julia Pamula *
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Chad Pastorius

Christopher Piascik
 David A. Pontarelli *
 Kristen Lynne Ponte, *honors*, *
 Lesli-Ann Powell, *honors*, ß
 Jacquelyn Frances Powers *
 James Mathew Preston
 Patricia A. Rapoza
 David L. Records
 Carla Maria Rei
 Allison Lynn Richardson *
 Kevan Riley
 Mark D. Rizzuto
 Khatija E. Samma
 Christopher J. Sanosi, *honors*, ß
 Lisa Renee Scahill
 Dipti Rahul Shreyakar
 Stephanie Siedzik
 Melissa Anne Siple *
 Brian J. Sleboda
 Bruce Smith, *honors*, ß *
 David D. Soranno *
 Christopher D. Souza
 Timothy J. Spindler *
 Andrea L. Stape-Schussler
 Maureen Anne Stetson
 Cheryl Ann Sullivan *
 William F. Swanson
 Lindsay J. Watty *
 Matthew James Weber
 Lisa M. Williams
 Brett D. Windrow *
 Michael C. Young

Master of Science in Accounting

Kathryn H. Fohlin, *honors*

Master of Science in Information Systems

Matthew Robert Alarie *
 Mary T. Bellafiore, *honors*, ß
 Brian J. Campbell
 Robert J. Dobosz *
 Diane Hewitt, *honors*,
 Joseph A. Macedo
 Gregory J. Martin *
 Pia M. Mata *
 Anita E. Nester, *honors*, ß
 George R. Saban, *honors*, ß
 Sushil A. Shah
 Dennis Joseph Ventetuolo,
honors, ß
 Jessica May Warnick *
 Darlene Frances Wood

Master of Science in Taxation

James Anthony Benjamin *
 Domenic Americo Cappalli
 Albert Steven Cardente
 Catherine A. Gaspar
 Inna Kisseleva-Deeley
 Mario A. LoStracco, *honors*
 Michael J. Mitchell *
 Leah J. Szlatenyi
 Aaron M. Tate *
 Denis F. Vieira
 Scott Thomas Whittum

Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study

Lena W. Nure

ß *Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society*

A member inducted into
 Beta Gamma Sigma must have
 earned a cumulative grade
 point average of 3.75 or above,
 and be ranked in the upper
 20 percent of those receiving
 the master's degree during
 the year.

* Tentative August graduate

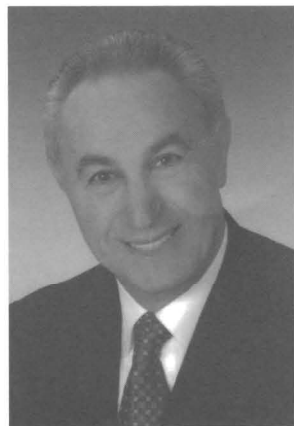
Honorary Degree Recipients



The Honorable Ernest C. Torres

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

The Honorable Ernest C. Torres, of the U.S. District Court in Rhode Island, will give the keynote address. Judge Torres was nominated by President Ronald Reagan and received his commission in November of 1987. He served as chief judge from 1999 to 2006 and, in that time, presided over multiple high-profile cases, including Operation Plunder Dome, and the corruption scandal at Providence City Hall that led to the conviction of former Mayor Vincent A. Cianci Jr. He retired from active service in December 2006 but continues to serve on a part-time basis. He is a trustee of South County Hospital and a lifetime member of Duke University School of Law Board of Visitors.



Thomas A. Tanury

Honorary Doctor of Business Administration

Thomas A. Tanury is chairman of Tanury Industries, a multi-faceted, high-specialization metal finishing company with more than 500 clients throughout the United States and overseas. It services the aerospace, hydrogen energy cell, and cookware industries, among others. Since assuming management responsibilities for his family's business in the mid-1970s, Thomas Tanury has grown the company from one division with 15 employees to a comprehensive firm with 150 employees. He serves on the boards of directors for Rhode Island Hospital, Providence Performing Arts Center, and several other organizations.

The Harriet E. Jacobs Memorial Mace

The University Mace is carried at Commencement exercises and at other university celebrations. Crowned in gold, the mace has two dominant emblems: the seal of the State of Rhode Island and the seal of Bryant University.

The President's Chair

The President's Chair, a gift to the university from Priscilla Angelo and her husband, John Eng-Wong, is used on ceremonial occasions. It is a Victorian-style gent's chair rendered in walnut, and copied from an original French design from the period of the university's founding in 1863. The carved crest top includes the Bryant University bronze seal.

Bryant Medallion

The Bryant Medallion is worn by the president during academic ceremonies such as Commencement, Convocation, and the bestowing of honorary degrees. One side of the medallion bears a likeness of the university seal, the other, the names of all Bryant University presidents. The formal installation of a president is marked by the presentation of the medallion to the president by the chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The Bryant Seal

The Bryant Seal represents the educational mission of the university and its worldwide implications. The central symbol is an ellipsoid globe with quills on each side to signify the traditional emblem of communication in business. In the center, behind the globe, is a torch symbolizing liberty, the spirit of free inquiry, academic freedom, and learning. The Archway, forming the background for the globe, torch, and quills, is a university landmark affectionately remembered by thousands of alumni. The Latin motto expresses the purpose of the university: "Cognitio – Virtus – Successus" – Knowledge – Character – Success.

Alumni Charge

Today, as you celebrate your graduation from Bryant University, you find yourself saying goodbye to the classmates, faculty, and staff with whom you have formed close friendships over these last few years. Graduation, however, is not so much an ending as a transition. It's true that you're about to begin a new stage of life, but as a Bryant University alumnus/a, you are never far from the community you've come to know as a home away from home.

In fact, one of the reasons you chose Bryant was for its close-knit community. Through the Bryant University Alumni Association, you will always be a member of this community. You can stay in touch with friends by attending class reunions, regional alumni network events, and by signing on to the alumni online directory. And just as Bryant provided you with a solid foundation for a successful career, our alumni networks continue to support your professional goals.

As a Bryant student, you participated in academic, athletic, and civic events that not only provided you with many skills but also gave you a sense of satisfaction as well. As a Bryant graduate, you can stay involved by serving on university committees, advisory councils, and even the Board of Trustees. You can advance Bryant's reputation by working on behalf of admission, career services, educational, and fund-raising initiatives. And throughout the year, Bryant alumni gather together to reach out to their communities through a number of volunteer programs.

Just as the Bryant community shared in the celebration of your accomplishments as a student, we will always be interested to hear of your successes. Let us know when you've moved, and what milestones you've reached so we can share your good news with your Bryant classmates and friends.

Congratulations on your graduation, and welcome to the Bryant University Alumni Association!

Academic Heraldry

The history of academic dress worn today dates back to the universities of the Middle Ages. A statute in 1321 required the wearing of gowns by all scholars and clerics. Probably the warm gown and hood were practical in the unheated buildings.

Students at most American universities wore caps and gowns daily while in residence until after the Civil War. These varied in design until they were standardized by the American Intercollegiate Commission in 1895. While the academic costume code has been modified over the years, the general characteristics of the initial requirements still prevail. The uniform system of academic heraldry serves to indicate the level of degree, the field of study in which it was earned, and the institution by which it was granted. The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the master's degree has an oblong sleeve and can be worn open or closed. The gown for the doctoral degree has bell-shaped sleeves with black velvet facing down the front and three bars of the same across the sleeves. However, these facings and crossbars may be in the color distinctive of the subject to which the degree pertains. At Bryant University, the president and the honorary degree recipients wear gowns especially designed and trimmed in the university color of gold.

The academic hoods are lined with the color of the university granting the degree. The length of the hood varies slightly for bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees. It is often the tradition of the candidates for degrees to wear the mortarboard tassel on the right front side before the degree is conferred and to shift it to the left when the degree is awarded.

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Restrooms and telephones are located in Residence Hall 16 and in the Bryant Center.

Health Services is located in Residence Hall 16 and will be open during the Commencement ceremony.

Lost and Found is located in the Public Safety Office in the Unistructure.

Film and Bryant memorabilia can be purchased at the Bookstore located in the Bryant Center.

A limited number of listener-assisted head sets are available at the sound control booth at
the back of the tent.

Please ask an usher if you need assistance in locating any of these services.